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SUBJECT: CRUDE SUPPLIES TO TRIPOLI REFINERY

1. IRAQ'S DECISION TO CUT SUPPLIES OF CRUDE TO SYRIA AFFECTS
LEBANON. TRIPOLI REFINERY REPRESENTS ABOUT 60 0/0 OF THE COUNTRY'S
REFINING CAPACITY, THE BALANCE BEING COVERED BY THE SIDON REFINERY.

2. THE GOL IS TAKING MEASURES TO SUPPLY THE TRIPOLI REINFERY
FROM OTHER SOURCES. ONE SOLUTION WOULD BE TO SHIP TAPLINE CRUDE
NORTH IN A RESERVE OF THE PROCESS OF SHIPPING IPC CRUDE SOUTH WHEN
TAPLINE WAS CUT SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

3. BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION DIFFICULTIES RESULT-
ING FROM THE LEBANESE CRISIS, THE IRAQ DECISION HAS NOT AFFECTED
CONDITIONS TOO MUCH SO FAR, BUT THIS SHOULD CHANGE IF THE POLITICAL
SITUATION IMPROVES. IN ANY EVENT, SHIPPING CRUDE TO TRIPOLI SHOULD
NOT PRESENT ANY INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS.

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